

REMEMBERING MARSHA MILLER
BURDMAN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marsha Miller Burdman, of Vienna, Ohio, who passed away peacefully on Monday, August 9, 2021 at the age of 83.

Marsha was born September 7, 1937, to Sally and Frank Miller in Toronto, Ohio. She grew up in Pittsburgh and, although she was an only child, she was blessed by the presence of 32 loving aunts and uncles and numerous cousins.

Marsha graduated from Taylor Allderdice High School in Squirrel Hill in 1955 and the University of Pittsburgh in 1959, where she received her degree in education. She became a first-grade teacher at Forrest Hills Elementary School in Pittsburgh upon her graduation from Pitt.

In 1960, after being fixed up on a blind date through a mutual friend, she met the love of her life, Kenneth Burdman of Youngstown. Following a short courtship, they were married November 13 of the same year.

Marsha continued teaching first-graders in the Youngstown area in both the Hubbard and Austintown school districts for several years until she and Ken started their family in 1963. They raised four children and remained happily married for 34 years until Kenny's passing in 1995.

A voracious reader, Marsha also enjoyed traveling the world with her closest friends, cousins and other family members, as well as playing canasta, knitting and needlepointing; however, her most treasured moments were the countless memories from the regular family visits and vacations with her four loving children, their spouses and 12 grandchildren who affectionately called her Mimi.

A true woman of valor, Marsha had a tremendous character and a calming presence, and was loved and admired by all who knew her. Her close circle of friends was endless and she was also an aunt and Mimi to many children and grandchildren of good friends who were like family.

Marsha is survived by her son, Lee (Bonnie) of Canfield; daughters, Heidi (Robert) Bardach of Cincinnati, Stacey (Richard) Eastern of Seattle, Wash., and Janie Cowell of San Diego; and her 12 grandchildren, Corey, Taylor and Lexi Burdman, Ryan, Alyssa (fiance Max Fader) and Kelsey Bardach, Joshua, Emily and Zachary Eastern, and Samantha, Dillon and Brandon Cowell.

I am so very lucky to have developed profound relationships with Marsha's son, Lee, and daughter-in-law, Bonnie. Both were instrumental leaders on so many important issues facing my Congressional District and the Jewish community of the Mahoning Valley. My deepest condolences go out to Marsha's family and to all whose lives she so deeply touched.

HONORING BRIGHAM HOEGH AND
ERIN LAIN AS IOWANS OF THE
WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Brigham Hoegh and Erin Lain, founders of Corn 4 a Cause, as our Iowans of the Week.

If you are from Iowa, have heard about Iowa, or have traveled through Iowa, you know that corn is not just part of our beautiful scenery, it's also part of our heritage and culture. This cherished crop symbolizes and fosters work, livelihoods, and communities across our great state. Even though Iowa has a rich agricultural industry producing bountiful crops like corn, many families here still struggle with access to fresh produce to put on their dinner tables. That's why Brigham and Erin have come in to help.

Brigham Hoegh and Erin Lain founded Corn 4 a Cause roughly four years ago after Brigham had a surplus of sweetcorn. She teamed up with Erin to start their nonprofit organization that aims to address the issue of fresh produce access in communities around Iowa.

Brigham's family farm is in Cass County, Iowa, just north of Atlantic. Each year since Brigham and Erin started Corn 4 a Cause, they have planted, grown, and harvested sweetcorn to sell and donate across western Iowa. What's amazing about their work is that for every dozen ears of corn purchased, another dozen ears are donated to different food pantries and other nonprofits aiming to provide fresh produce to those without consistent access to it. This arrangement allows for those who are purchasing the corn to gain valuable, eye-opening insight into food insecurity in their own communities. Not only do people get a sense of how prevalent the issue is, but they're also able to help immediately by purchasing a dozen ears of corn that will be matched by Corn 4 a Cause's donation to local families.

One acre of sweetcorn yields roughly 15,000 ears of corn. Brigham and Erin have planted two acres of sweetcorn this year, which provides roughly 30,000 ears of corn to be sold and donated.

Corn 4 a Cause started out serving communities and pantries primarily in western Iowa. However, Brigham and Erin quickly found more demand for their yields in other areas of the state and were harvesting so much sweetcorn that they needed to start getting more pantries and nonprofits involved. With more corn to go around, they have started expanding their donations to central Iowa.

Brigham and Erin focused on delivering fresh produce to those who need it. They are passionate about making fresh, Iowa-grown food accessible to more families in a socially conscious way. They state their values as: "Full bellies. Summer fun. Local food. Equity first." Corn 4 a Cause partners with organizations that serve communities of color to cultivate a more equitable food system, and a

more equitable society. Brigham and Erin also encourage anyone who loves to plant their own produce to plant some extra so it can be donated to food pantries and other nonprofits fighting to eliminate food insecurity in Iowa and America.

Reliable and equitable access to food, let alone fresh, healthy produce, is a major issue across our country and in our own backyard. Organizations like Corn 4 a Cause and individuals like Brigham and Erin are tackling these problems head-on at the ground level to make a difference for their neighbors. Because of their dedication and hard work, it is my honor to name Brigham Hoegh and Erin Lain of Corn 4 a Cause as our Iowans of the Week.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR DR.
MAXWELL SCARLETT

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the legacy of Dr. Maxwell Scarlett—the first Black graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington and a Fort Worth physician who specialized in emergency medicine.

Dr. Scarlett grew up in Fort Worth's historic Stop Six neighborhood surrounded by a family of educators. His mother was a teacher, as were both of her grandparents. So, while growing up, Dr. Scarlett always knew that he would attend college. But what he didn't know was that his graduation would break racial barriers.

He initially enrolled at the University of North Texas (known then as North Texas State), and almost instantly began to break barriers. He was one of the first three African American men to live in a dorm there. Then, he integrated the school's biology honor society and later became the first Black student to grade papers and teach in the school's Science Department.

Dr. Scarlett transferred to UTA his senior year—three years after the school first integrated. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1966. Looking around at his graduation ceremony, he wondered if he was the only Black graduate that year. In fact, he was the first Black graduate in UTA's entire history, a fact he did not learn until 1997—about 30 years after his graduation.

After graduating, Dr. Scarlett enrolled in medical school at Howard University. He later returned to Fort Worth to start his medical practice because he noticed there was a need for doctors back home. He even continued seeing emergency medicine patients after retiring from his Fort Worth practice in 2014.

Dr. Scarlett never set out to break barriers, but through his hard work and dedication, he did just that. He helped open doors for so many young African Americans, and many others who faced exclusion. Today, we honor his legacy, and may we continue to follow his lead in creating a more equal America.